

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR CROWE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Kalani Brown of Salmen High School in Slidell for being named the 2013-2014 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, in its twenty-ninth year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, the Gatorade Company, in conjunction with *USA Today* High School Sports, Kalani Brown has been named the Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year, the first student from Salmen to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, Kalani is the daughter of former National Basketball Association player, P.J. Brown and wife Dee, is currently a junior at Salmen, where she maintains a B average in her academic work, and has volunteered her time with nonprofits, including the Special Olympics, Feed the Children and NBA Cares; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this latest honor, Kalani was named the 2013 Class 4A Player of the year, the 2014 Class 4A state tournament Most Valuable Player and she was a member of the gold-medal winning United States team in the 2013 Under 16 world basketball championships for women; and

WHEREAS, Kalani, who plays center, standing six feet five inches tall, led the Salmen Spartans to a season record of thirty-three wins and one loss and the second straight Class 4A state championship while compiling statistics including: an average of 20.4 points, 13 rebounds, 4.9 blocks, and 1.5 steals per game; and

WHEREAS, currently ranked as the nation's number sixteen recruit in the class of 2015 by Blue Star Basketball, Kalani has brought both aggression and passion to her game when needed by her team and has developed into a well-rounded player, evidenced by her statistics in scoring, rebounding, blocking shots, and passing the ball to teammates; and

WHEREAS, Kalani, widely considered the state's top girls center, contributed significantly in both the semifinal game and the championship game by scoring a combined thirty-five points and thirty-five rebounds in the two games; and

WHEREAS, Kalani's participation in several high-pressure games, including two state championship games, as well as her performance on the world stage, has revealed a

player poised beyond her years; and

WHEREAS, the Gatorade award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also, high standards of academic achievement, and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court, all areas in which Kalani has distinguished herself; and

WHEREAS, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes a single athlete in each state and the District of Columbia in a variety of sanctioned high school sports, eventually naming a National Player of the Year in each sport.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kalani Brown of Salmen High School for being named the 2013-2014 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kalani Brown.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES